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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This Image File Wrapper (IFW) application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 25, 2008. A review has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

Appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages) dated October 1, 2007. Further, Appellants filed simultaneously a second paper entitled "Communication," identifying related cases with an attached Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages). Both Information Disclosure Statements were filed as required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98. However, a review of the record reveals that the Information Disclosure Statements have not been considered or acknowledged.

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Consideration and acknowledgment of the Information disclosure statements is required. A copy of such consideration should also be forwarded for scanning into the electronic file record (IFW).

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is  
ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:  
(1) to consider and acknowledge both Information Disclosure  
Statements (as identified above) filed October 1, 2007; and  
(2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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